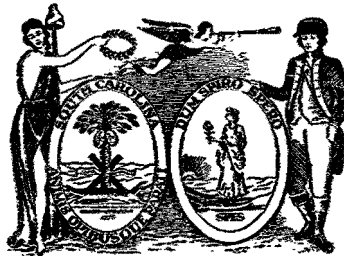


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Mark Hammond⁸
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-09

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury of York County indicted Douglas McKown, York County Coroner, on July 20, 2006, for one count of Distribution of a Controlled Substance, one count of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, and one count of Unlawful Possession of a Prescription Drug; and

WHEREAS, a certified true copy of the indictment against Douglas McKown has been provided to me; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that "[a]ny officer of the State or its political subdivisions . . ., who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude or who has waived such indictment if permitted by law may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted. . ."; and

WHEREAS, Douglas McKown is an officer of the State or its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced indictment is for a crime that involves moral turpitude; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby suspend Douglas McKown from the office he holds as York County Coroner. This suspension shall remain in effect until such time as he shall be formally acquitted or convicted.

This action in no manner addresses the question of the guilt or innocence of Mr. McKown and should not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on such question.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 21ST DAY OF
JULY, 2006.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST: A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark Hammond", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE